

GRAMMAR *Used to*

We use *used to* to talk about habits and states that were true in the past, but are not true anymore.

+ We *used to talk* when you came to visit.

- We *didn't use to have* phones.

? Did you *use to send* postcards? Yes, we *did*.  
No, we *didn't*.

How *did* you *use to communicate*?

## 1 Choose the correct option.

- When she was young, my mum *used* / *use* to write letters.
- She didn't *used* / *use* to send emails.
- Did you *used* / *use* to play online games when you were younger?
- I used to *go* / *went* to the cinema every week when I lived in the city.
- A: Did you *use* to have a digital camera?  
B: Yes, I *used to* / *did*.
- My dad didn't *use* / *use to* have a smartphone.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *used to* and the verb in brackets.

- I *used to have* (have) a really nice tablet, but then I broke it.
- My gran \_\_\_\_\_ (not search) the internet, but now she's always on it!
- My parents \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to music in the evenings.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (you/take) photos with a digital camera?
- We \_\_\_\_\_ (not play) games online.
- Where \_\_\_\_\_ (you/go) to school?
- Jamie \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in London before he moved here.
- My dad \_\_\_\_\_ (not download) apps on his smartphone.
- What books \_\_\_\_\_ (you/read) when you were younger?
- My cousins \_\_\_\_\_ (share) videos of their pets.

## 3 Write questions for the answers.

- A: *Did you use to have* a smartwatch?  
B: No, I didn't use to have a smartwatch.
- A: What time \_\_\_\_\_ to bed?  
B: I used to go to bed at 8 p.m. when I was ten.
- A: Where \_\_\_\_\_?  
B: I used to live in Manchester.
- A: Who \_\_\_\_\_ online games with?  
B: I used to play online games with my friends in Canada.
- A: When \_\_\_\_\_ photos?  
B: I used to take photos at the weekend.
- A: How often \_\_\_\_\_ to podcasts?  
B: I used to listen to podcasts every day.

4 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of *used to* and the verbs below.

not communicate	decide	do	have
meet	not play	spend	stay
talk			

A: What <sup>1</sup> *did you use to do* in your free time when you were young, Mum?

B: Well, we <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ online games all day, that's for sure!

A: Neither do we!

B: Ha ha, I know. Well, I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my friends at a café at the weekend, and then we <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ what to do after that. Sometimes we went to the cinema, and sometimes we <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ at the café and hang out with each other, talk about things, you know.

A: What <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ about?

B: Oh, different things – teachers we liked at school, our plans, things like that. We <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ online as much as you do these days. I think we saw a lot more of each other in person.

A: Oh, that sounds nice.

B: Yes, it was. We <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of fun.

A: <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of time with your friends?

B: Yes, I saw them every day!